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News Release

PREDATOR WHO RE-ENTERED COUNTRY AFTER BEING DEPORTED SENTENCED TO 41 MONTHS IN PRISON

MIAMI- A previously deported predator of Trinidad and Tobago was sentenced yesterday by United States District Court Judge Kenneth A. Marra to 41 months in prison and to three years of supervised release for illegally re-entering the United States after having been deported.

The announcement was made by R. Alexander Acosta, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and Keith Perniciaro, Acting Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Suresh Bobby Gopaul was convicted of sexual assault and sentenced to 12 years' in prison on April 1, 1985. He was subsequently deported to his home country on March 6, 1991. An ICE investigation revealed that Gopaul had illegally re-entered the country, was living in South Florida and was using Bobby Khan as his alias.

ICE special agents arrested Gopaul on March 7, 2005 at his home in Miramar. He pleaded guilty on April 7, 2005 to a 1 count indictment charging him with illegal re-entry after deportation, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326 (a) (b) (2).

Gopaul will be deported to his home country upon the completion of his criminal sentence. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Keene Lovemore.

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